

Fresno County Sheriff Incident Report

Case Report No. 130001039.1

Report Subject: MISCIV - MISCELLANEOUS INVEST

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Case Details:

Code	INCREP	Description	Incident Report (See Subject)	
Special Flags				
Reporting Officer	9451 - VARELA, MARSHALL	Assignment	A13 - FSO VICE/INTEL	Date Entered
Occurred On	08/24/2012 08:47:00 (and Between)	Gang Involved	N - No	01/17/2013 09:23:32
Area	A3 - N	Address of Incident	CSZ	Entered By
DUI Processing Agency		Zone	SANGER	9451 - VARELA, MARSHALL
Means		DUI Agency Case Number	M000 - M000	Verified By
Other Means		Motive		2197 - LUCAS, ROD
Disposition	4 - Active	Other Motives		Location of Incident
		Date of Clearance		[REDACTED]
		Connecting Cases		Crime Pattern No

Offense Detail: INCREP - Incident Report (See Subject)

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Offense Level		Completed	N - No	Crime Against
No. Prem. Entered		Entry Method		88 - None (No Bias)
Anti-Reproductive-Rights	N - No	Domestic Violence	N - No	Force Level
Using		Weapons		DNU - Do Not Use
		Location Type	07 - Convenience Store	Criminal Activity
		Tools Used		Type Security

Other Entity O1: Hussein, Shaibi

Name
Hussein, Shaibi
Entity Type
IV - Interviewed
AKA(s)

Alert(s)

Address
1235 Sanger Ave
Mailing Address

CSZ
Sanger, CA
Mailing CSZ

County
Fresno

Country

Employment Type
CE - Currently
Employed
Resident of Jurisdiction
U - Unknown

Occupation/Grade
business owner

Employer/School
Buy and Bye Market

Employer/School Phone

Employer/School Address
1235 Sanger Ave

CSZ
Sanger, CA

DOB
9/5/1973
Hair Color
BLK - Black

Age
38
Race
I - Indian
Hair Length
Hair Style

Sex
M - Male
Facial Hair
06 - Mustache
Only

Height
5' 8"
Weight
198 lbs
Eye Color
BRO - Brown

Ethnicity
N - Not of Hispanic Origin
Complexion
Build

Teeth

Clothing

POB

Primary Language

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Scars/Marks/Tattoos

Location

Description

Photo

Gang Criteria

Gang Related

N - No

Criteria

Contact Information

Type

Phone/Email/Other

Identification

Gang ID

Type

Number

Primary ID

State

Country

Class

Expiration

Notes

Relationships

To Whom

How

Parole/Probation Contacts

Agency

Agent Name

Agent Phone

Other Entity O2: Turczyn, Dean

Name

Turczyn, Dean

Entity Type

IV - Interviewed

AKA(s)

Address

Mailing Address

CSZ
Sanger, CA 93657
Mailing CSZ

County
Fresno

Country

Employment Type

CE - Currently

Employed

Resident of Jurisdiction

Occupation/Grade
Manager

Employer/School
International Paper

Employer/School Phone

Employer/School Address

CSZ
Sanger

DOB

Age

Race

W - White

Sex

M - Male

Height

6' 0"

Weight

200 lbs

Ethnicity

N - Not of Hispanic Origin

Hair Color

BRO - Brown

Hair Length

Hair Style

Facial Hair

Eye Color

BRO - Brown

Complexion

Build

Teeth

Clothing

POB

Primary Language

Scars/Marks/Tattoos

Location

Description

Photo

Gang Criteria

Gang Related

N - No

Criteria

Contact Information

Type

W - Work Phone

Phone/Email/Other

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Identification

Gang ID

Type	Number	Primary ID	State	Country	Class	Expiration	Notes
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Relationships

To Whom How

Parole/Probation Contacts

Agency	Agent Name	Agent Phone
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Other Entity O3: Hussein, Basheer

Name
Hussein, Basheer

Entity Type

IV - Interviewed

AKA(s)

Address

[REDACTED]

Mailing Address

Employment Type

CE - Currently

Employed

Resident of Jurisdiction

U - Unknown

DOB

8/8/1992

Hair Color

BRO - Brown

Teeth

Alert(s)

CSZ

Sanger, CA

Mailing CSZ

County

Fresno

Country

Occupation/Grade

cashier

Employer/School

Buy and Bye Market

Employer/School Phone

Employer/School Address

CSZ

Sanger, CA

Ethnicity

N - Not of Hispanic Origin

Complexion

Build

Age

20

Race

I - Indian

Sex

M - Male

Height

5' 7"

Weight

150 lbs

Hair Length

Hair Style

Facial Hair

Eye Color

BRO - Brown

Clothing

POB

Primary Language

Scars/Marks/Tattoos

Location

Description

Photo

Gang Criteria

Gang Related

N - No

Criteria

Contact Information

Type

Phone/Email/Other

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Identification

Gang ID

MNI

Type	Number	Primary ID	State	Country	Class	Expiration	Notes
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Relationships

To Whom How

Parole/Probation Contacts

Agency	Agent Name	Agent Phone
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Other Entity O4: Mohamed, Salem Mohsen

Name
Mohamed, Salem Mohsen
Alert(s)
Entity Type
IV - Interviewed
AKA(s)
Address
[REDACTED]
Mailing Address
[REDACTED]
Employment Type
CE - Currently Employed
Resident of Jurisdiction
U - Unknown
DOB
11/1/1991
Age
20
Hair Color
BLK - Black
Teeth
CSZ
Dinuba, CA 93618
Mailing CSZ
County
Fresno
Country
Employer/School
Buy & Bye Market
Employer/School Phone
Employer/School Address
CSZ
Occupation/Grade
cashier
Employer/School Phone
Sex
M - Male
Facial Hair
Height
5' 6"
Weight
164 lbs
Eye Color
BRO - Brown
Ethnicity
N - Not of Hispanic Origin
Complexion
Build
Primary Language
PU - Punjabi
Race
I - Indian
Hair Style
Clothing
POB
Description
None
Photo

Scars/Marks/Tattoos

Location
NONE - NONE

Gang Criteria

Gang Related
N - No

Criteria

Contact Information

Type
Phone/Email/Other

Identification

Gang ID
MNI

Type
Number
Primary ID
State
Country
Class
Expiration
Notes

Relationships

To Whom
How

Parole/Probation Contacts

Agency
Agent Name
Agent Phone

Other Entity O5: Haddix, Brian

Name
Haddix, Brian
Alert(s)
Entity Type
IV - Interviewed
AKA(s)
Address
[REDACTED]
Mailing Address
[REDACTED]
CSZ
Sanger, CA
Mailing CSZ
County
Fresno
Country

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Employment Type

CE - Currently

Employed

Resident of Jurisdiction

Occupation/Grade

City of Sanger City

Manager

Employer/School Phone

Employer/School

Employer/School Address

CSZ

DOB

Age

Race

Sex

M - Male

Height

Weight

Ethnicity

Hair Color

Hair Length

Hair Style

Facial Hair

Eye Color

Complexion

Build

Teeth

Clothing

POB

Primary Language

Scars/Marks/Tattoos

Location

Description

Photo

Gang Criteria

Gang Related

N - No

Criteria

Contact Information

Type

W - Work Phone

Phone/Email/Other

Identification

Gang ID

MNI

Type

Number

Primary ID

State

Country

Class

Expiration

Notes

Relationships

To Whom

How

Parole/Probation Contacts

Agency

Agent Name

Agent Phone

Other Entity O6: Sultan, Deborah

Name

Sultan, Deborah

Entity Type

IV - Interviewed

AKA(s)

Alert(s)

Address

CSZ

Sanger

County

Fresno

Country

Mailing Address

Mailing CSZ

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Employment Type

CE - Currently

Employed

Resident of Jurisdiction

Occupation/Grade

City of Sanger Finance

Director

Employer/School Phone

Employer/School

Employer/School Address

CSZ

DOB

Age

Race

Sex

F - Female

Height

Weight

Ethnicity

Hair Color

Hair Length

Hair Style

Facial Hair

Eye Color

Complexion

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Location

Description

Photo

Gang Criteria

Gang Related

N - No

Criteria

Contact Information

Type

W - Work Phone

Phone/Email/Other

Identification

Gang ID

Type

Number

Primary ID

State

Country

Class

Expiration

Notes

Relationships

To Whom

How

Parole/Probation Contacts

Agency

Agent Name

Agent Phone

Other Entity O7: Mitchell, Joshua

Name

Mitchell, Joshua

Entity Type

IP - Involved Party

AKA(s)

Alert(s)

Address

Mailing Address

CSZ

Sanger, CA

Mailing CSZ

County

Fresno

Country

Employment Type

CE - Currently

Employed

Resident of Jurisdiction

R - Resident

Occupation/Grade

Mayor of Sanger Ca

Employer/School

Employer/School Phone

Employer/School Address

CSZ

DOB

10/23/1981

Age

30

Race

W - White

Sex

M - Male

Height

6' 1"

Weight

180 lbs

Ethnicity

N - Not of Hispanic Origin

Hair Color

BRO - Brown

Hair Length

Hair Style

Facial Hair

Eye Color

BLU - Blue

Complexion

Build

Teeth

Clothing

POB

Primary Language

EN - English

Scars/Marks/Tattoos

Location

Description

Photo

Gang Criteria

Gang Related

Criteria

Contact Information

Type

Phone/Email/Other

Identification

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Type	Number	Primary ID	State	Country	Class	Expiration	Notes
DL - Driver's License Number		Y - Yes	CA - California				

Relationships

To Whom How

Parole/Probation Contacts

Agency	Agent Name	Agent Phone
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Property Description Item 1: 2801 - Merchandise - Cassette Tape, CD - CD

Case Item No

1

Status

E - Evidence (Including Other Seized Property And Tools)

Officer Item No.

1

Alert(s)

Description

CD

Status Details:

Property Tag No.

130001039.1.9451.1

Recovered Date

Disposition

Property Code

2801 - Merchandise - Cassette Tape, CD

Manufacture

UCR Type

K - Miscellaneous

Value

Count

1

Model

Serial No.

Owner/Misc No.

License No.

Relationships:

Related To

Related Type

Property Notes

Property Description Item 2: 2801 - Merchandise - Cassette Tape, CD - cd

Case Item No

2

Status

E - Evidence (Including Other Seized Property And Tools)

Officer Item No.

2

Alert(s)

Description

cd

Status Details:

Property Tag No.

130001039.1.9451.2

Recovered Date

Disposition

Property Code

2801 - Merchandise - Cassette Tape, CD

Manufacture

UCR Type

K - Miscellaneous

Value

Count

1

Model

Serial No.

Owner/Misc No.

License No.

Relationships:

Related To

Related Type

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Property Notes

Property Description Item 3: 1809 - Notebook - folder

Case Item No
3

Status

E - Evidence (Including
Other Seized Property
And Tools)

Officer Item No.
3

Alert(s)

Description
folder

Status Details:

Property Tag No.

130001039.1.9451.3

Recovered Date

Disposition

Property Code

1809 - Notebook

Manufacture

UCR Type

K - Miscellaneous

Value

Count

1

Model

Serial No.

Owner/Misc No.

License No.

Relationships:

Related To

Related Type

Property Notes

Property Description Item 4: 1306 - Recording - Compact Disk - dvd

Case Item No
4

Status

E - Evidence (Including
Other Seized Property
And Tools)

Officer Item No.
4

Alert(s)

Description
dvd

Status Details:

Property Tag No.

130001039.1.9451.4

Recovered Date

Disposition

Property Code

1306 - Recording - Compact Disk

Manufacture

UCR Type

F - TV's, Radios, Stereos, Etc...

Value

Count

1

Model

Serial No.

Owner/Misc No.

License No.

Relationships:

Related To

Related Type

Property Notes

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Narrative

SOURCE: This report pertains to allegations that Sanger Mayor Joshua Mitchell cashed a third party check made out to City of Sanger at the Buy & Bye Market located at 1235 Sanger Ave., Sanger California. The Sanger Police Department requested the Fresno County Sheriff's Office to conduct a concurrent investigation regarding this incident.

VICTIM STATEMENTS: See investigations for all statements.

WITNESS STATEMENTS: See investigations for all statements.

INVESTIGATION: Sgt. R. Hayes and I met with Corporal Brandon Coles of the Sanger Police Department in regards to Sanger Mayor Joshua Mitchell cashing a check made out to City of Sanger (check #1804426059 The Bank of New York Mellon Pittsburg, Pa.) in the amount of \$500.00 at Buy & Bye Market.

Corporal Coles stated that Officer Ramiro Garza had already written an incident report under Sanger Police Department case number 12-4218 regarding this matter.

Corporal Coles gave me a copy of Officer R. Garza's report along with a photo copy of the check cashed and two compact disc of recorded interviews. Corporal Coles stated Officer R. Garza has surveillance video of Mayor Mitchell cashing the check and would give it to me at a later date due to it being with Officer Garza who was on vacation.

I reviewed the report from Officer R. Garza. On 11-01-2012, Officer Garza spoke to Alex Hussein the owner of Buy & Bye Market.

Alex told Officer Garza sometime near the end of July or early August of 2012 Mayor Mitchell entered his business and cashed a check in the amount of \$500.00. The check was from International Paper and made out to City of Sanger.

Alex's son, Basher Hussein was working that day along with Salem Mohamed and Salem cashed the check not knowing that he should not cash a third party check.

Alex later saw a third party check was cashed made out to the City of Sanger and told Basheer and Salem they should not have cashed the check. Alex called Mayor Mitchell and informed him that the bank would not accept the check. A few days later Alex met with Mayor Mitchell and Mayor Mitchell took the check back. Mayor Mitchell informed Alex that he would get the check re-written into a different name.

Alex stated several months had passed and Mayor Mitchell had made no attempts to pay him back the \$500.00. Alex told Officer R. Garza he didn't want to file a police report and was going to give Mayor Mitchell the opportunity to pay him the money owed. Alex did not attempt to deposit the check at any bank and had already returned it to Mayor Mitchell.

Officer R. Garza contacted Alex Hussein on 11-05-2012 and learned that sometime last week an unknown male subject entered his business and paid him \$500.00 cash on behalf of the Mayor.

On 12-27-2012 Det. D. Watkins and I met with Alex Hussein at Buy & Buy Market and viewed surveillance footage of Mayor Mitchell. The surveillance footage was time stamped 08-24-2012 at 1720 hours. I recognized Mayor Mitchell in the video from his campaign signs and brochures. On 08-24-2012 at about 1720 hours Mayor Mitchell is observed inside the store and is seen handing the cashier Salem a check. Det. D. Watkins copied the footage of Mayor Mitchell onto a USB drive. Salem was not at work this day to provide me a statement.

On 01-16-2013 at about 1330 hours, I met with Dean Turczyn manager of International Paper located at 1000 Muscat Ave., Sanger Ca.

Prior to meeting with Dean I read Officer's R. Garza's report regarding Turczyn's statement on 11-06-2012.

Turczyn stated in essence the following to Officer Garza. Turczyn stated on 08-14-2012 Mayor Mitchell had entered International Paper and requested a donation for a community event. The initial request was for a waterslide event for the City of Sanger and the amount requested was \$1,000.00.

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The donation request was approved from the International Paper Corporate Office and a check was made out to City of Sanger in the amount of \$500.00. Turczyn took the check to the City of Sanger and contacted the City Manager Brian Haddix. The City Manager Haddix told Turczyn "I can't take that, that's between you and the Mayor". Turczyn met with Mayor Mitchell later that day and gave him the check.

Turczyn also told Officer Garza that Mayor Mitchell showed up at International Paper last week and requested that the initial check made out to City of Sanger in the amount of \$500.00 be issued into a different name. Turczyn told Mayor Mitchell he didn't feel comfortable doing that and told the Mayor the intent of this check was for the City of Sanger. Mayor Mitchell returned the check to Turczyn and left the business.

I sat down with Turczyn and told him that I had reviewed his statement that he gave to Officer Garza and had some follow-up questions. Turczyn agreed to speak to me and was fully cooperative.

I asked Turczyn if Sanger Mayor Mitchell requested a donation from his business and he said "Yes". Turczyn stated Mayor Mitchell initially requested a donation of 1 to 2 thousand dollars for a City of Sanger event. I asked Turczyn if he gave the Mayor a donation and he said "Yes, \$500.00". I asked him if the donation was a check and he said "Yes". I asked Turczyn if the Mayor ever stated that the check was for his personal campaign, "Mitchell for Mayor" and he said, "No".

I asked Turczyn if the Mayor initially requested the check to be made out to Mayor Mitchell and he said "No". Turczyn assumed the check was to be made out to City of Sanger due to the money going to a community event.

I asked Turczyn if Mayor Mitchell looked at the check when accepting it and he said "no, the check was in a white envelope when he received it".

I asked Turczyn if it was possible that the Mayor was expecting the check to be made out to Joshua Mitchell and he said "I don't think so". I asked if the Mayor requested the check to be made out to anyone specific and he said "No".

I asked Turczyn if his business still had the original check and he said, "No, it's been destroyed".

I asked Turczyn if his International Paper has lost any money from this incident and he said, "No". This completed my interview with Turczyn.

On 01-16-2013 I contacted Basheer Hussein at Bye and Buy Market in Sanger. I asked Basheer if he was working the day when Mayor Mitchell cashed a check in the amount of \$500.00. Basheer stated he was working that day at the store with Salem. Basheer stated Salem is the one who actually received the check and handed Mayor Mitchell the \$500.00. I asked Basheer if Salem was working today and I was told that he would be in later in the evening.

I later spoke to Alex Hussein the owner of Buy & Bye Market and told him I was looking into the check cashed by Mayor Mitchell. Alex told me he had already spoken to an Officer from the Sanger Police Department and doesn't see what the big deal was.

Alex stated that he has instructed his son Basheer and Salem not to accept any third party checks and is happy that Mayor Mitchell paid him back the \$500.00. I asked Alex if he wanted to press any charges on Mayor Mitchell and he said "No, Mayor Mitchell is my friend and I see him every week".

I asked Alex if Mayor Mitchell has ever cashed or attempted to cash other third party checks or checks made out to City of Sanger before and he said, "No".

On 01-16-2013 I contacted Salem and spoke to him about the check Mayor Mitchell cashed. Salem stated he was working the cash register the day Mayor Mitchell cashed the check. Salem showed Basheer the check and Basheer gave him permission to cash it. Salem believes Mayor Mitchell signed the check in front of him that day. The check was signed "Mitchell for Mayor, The City of Sanger".

On 01-23-2013 at 1130 hours, Sgt. R. Hayes, Det. A. Veneman, and I met with Mayor J. Mitchell at the Starbucks located at Peach and McKinley in Fresno.

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I explained to Mayor Mitchell that I was a Detective with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office and wanted to talk to him about the incident where he cashed a third party check at the Buy & Bye Market in Sanger. Mayor Mitchell had already given Sanger Police Officers R. Garza a statement denying he cashed the check in question.

Mayor Mitchell stated he was aware of the investigation and wanted to tell me his version of what happened.

Mayor Mitchell stated he went to International Paper sometime in August of 2012 asking for a donation for his campaign. He spoke to Dean Turczyn and requested a donation in the amount of \$500.00 for a "Believe in Sanger" campaign event. This event would be beach party theme and have a large water slide. Mayor Mitchell provided Turczyn a brochure of the event which reads Believe in Sanger for Mayor Mitchell. Mayor Mitchell believes he still has a copy of the brochure that was given to Turczyn.

Mayor Mitchell eventually received a check from Turczyn in the amount of \$500.00 inside a white envelope. Mayor Mitchell stated he never opened the envelope and saw that it was made out to the City of Sanger.

Mayor Mitchell stated in August his campaign was in need of cash for supplies and his bank was closed due to being late in the day. Mayor Mitchell went to the Buy & Bye market and cashed the check from International Paper for \$500.00.

Mayor Mitchell was contacted days later from the owner of Buy & Bye Market Alex Hussein and told that his son should have never cashed a third-party check. Mayor Mitchell stated he would make the check good.

Mayor Mitchell retrieved the check from Alex and told him he would get the check made out to the correct name.

Mayor Mitchell stated he was real busy with the election and forgot to repay Alex the \$500.00. Mayor Mitchell eventually had Ralph Martinez go to Buy and Bye Market and pay Alex \$500.00 on his behalf sometime in October.

Mayor Mitchell stated he returned to International Paper and spoke again to Turczyn. Mayor Mitchell asked Turczyn if the check could be made out to Mitchell for Mayor. Turczyn told Mayor Mitchell it would be too difficult to change the name on the check and Mayor Mitchell told Turczyn to never mind and left the check with the company.

I asked Mayor Mitchell if he requested a donation from International Paper and he said "Yes".

I asked Mayor Mitchell if the donation was for a City of Sanger community event or a campaign donation for Believe in Sanger Mayor Mitchell. Mayor Mitchell stated he specifically requested a donation for his campaign Believe in Sanger Mayor Mitchell.

I asked Mayor Mitchell if he told Turczyn who he wanted the check made out to and he said "Yes, Believe in Sanger campaign Mayor Mitchell".

I asked Mayor Mitchell if he received a check from Turczyn on behalf of International Paper and he said "Yes".

I asked Mayor Mitchell if he read who the check was made out to and he said "No, because the check was inside a white envelope".

I asked Mayor Mitchell if he cashed the check from International Paper at Buy & Bye Market and he said "Yes".

I asked Mayor Mitchell why he told Office R. Garza he did not cash the check and he said "I thought he was referring to a different liquor store". "I was confused on what store he was talking about".

I asked Mayor Mitchell if he signed the back of the check "Mitchell for Mayor the City of Sanger" and showed him a photo copy of the check in question. Mayor Mitchell looked at the photo copy and said "Yes, I signed the check".

I asked Mayor Mitchell if he picked up the check from Buy & Bye Market after learning they would not deposit it at a bank and he said "Yes".

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I asked Mayor Mitchell who paid back Buy & Bye Market the \$500.00 they had lost. Mayor Mitchell stated he had Ralph Martinez go to the market and pay Alex Hussein the \$500.00.

I asked Mayor Mitchell if he had ever cashed a check at Buy & Bye Market before and he said "Yes". He stated he has cashed approximately 10 to 12 checks in Sanger at mini markets but never checks made out to the City of Sanger.

I asked Mayor Mitchell if he had cashed any checks made out to Mitchell for Mayor at mini markets and he said "Yes, about three of them".

I asked Mayor Mitchell if it was common for him to cash checks at mini markets instead of his bank and he said "Yes". He then stated he cashed checks at mini markets when his bank was closed and needed emergency money. Buy & Bye Market only charges a one percent charge and feels this amount is cheap.

I asked Mayor Mitchell if he has ever cashed any other checks made out to the City of Sanger and used the money for his campaign fund and he said "No".

He stated he has only cashed checks made out to Mitchell for Mayor or his business Western Landscape Development.

I asked Mayor Mitchell if the Sanger City Manager knows he had cashed a check made out to City of Sanger and he said "Yes".

I asked Mayor Mitchell if he has ever embezzled any funds from the City of Sanger and he said "I have never taken money from the City of Sanger".

Mayor Mitchell stated he cashed the check at Buy & Bye market believing the check was for his campaign. He was in such a rush at the time he didn't notice the check was made out to City of Sanger.

I asked Mayor Mitchell why he signed the check Mitchell for Mayor the City of Sanger and he said he made a mistake.

Mayor Mitchell told me he would provide me all of his campaign records for donations accepted and would provide me copies of all of his campaign checks that he has received. He would also provide me a copy the brochure he had shown Turczyn regarding the campaign event.

On 01-29-2013 at about 1630 hours, Det. A. Veneman and I met with Mayor Mitchell at the Starbucks at Kern and M. St. Mayor Mitchell provided me a folder containing copies of campaign checks, West America Bank and Bank of the West account information, copy of beach party campaign event, and sponsor contact lists. Mayor Mitchell is still in the process of getting me his 160/470 campaign records.

I reviewed all of Mayor Mitchell's campaign checks along with his California 460 campaign forms and did not see any discrepancies. These forms covered the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

Mayor Mitchell had stated to me he cashed the check from International Paper at Buy & Bye Market because he was in need of supplies and his bank was closed. I contacted Bank of the West and West America Bank in Sanger where Mayor Mitchell does his personal, business, and campaign banking and confirmed they both close at 6pm on Fridays. Video surveillance shows Mayor Mitchell at Buy and Bye Market on Friday August 24, 2012 at about 1720 hours cashing the check.

On 02-07-2013 at about 1320 hours, I contacted Dean Turczyn and showed him the flyer that I received from Mayor Mitchell in regards to the beach party campaign event. Dean stated this flyer is not the same flyer that Mayor Mitchell showed him. Dean remembers the flyer he looked at was not landscape and doesn't remember reading "Brought to you by the Mitchell 4 Mayor, Believe in Sanger Campaign".

On 02-13-2013 at 0900 hours, I met with City of Sanger Manager Brian Haddix and City of Sanger Finance Director Deborah Sultan.

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Brian stated sometime back in August Dean Turczyn from International Paper arrived at the Sanger City Hall with a check for Mayor Mitchell. Brian never looked at the check to see who it was made out to. Brian told Turczyn that he (Turczyn) would have to personally give the check to Mayor Mitchell off of City of Sanger property due to it being for his campaign.

Brian doesn't believe the check from International Paper was ever supposed to be for the City of Sanger. Brian doesn't believe the City of Sanger has lost any money over this check cashed by Mayor Mitchell.

City of Sanger Finance Director Deborah Sultan stated the City of Sanger never requested money from International Paper and believes the check in question was a campaign check for Mayor Mitchell.

The City of Sanger has not lost any money and is not a victim of any crime. I asked Deborah if the City of Sanger ever cashes their checks at mini marts and she said "No". Deborah stated the City of Sanger deposits all of their money at West America Bank.

The owner of Buy & Bye Market, Alex Hussein stated he doesn't and will not press charges on Mayor Mitchell. Alex believes Mayor Mitchell made a mistake and has repaid him the \$500.00.

The City of Sanger is not out any money and was never expecting to receive a check for \$500.00 from International Paper.

A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Fair Political Practices Commission Enforcement Division for their review.

EVIDENCE:

1. CD audio recording of Mayor Mitchell interview conducted by Officer R. Garza.
2. CD audio recording of Brian Turczyn interview conducted by Officer R Garza.
3. White folder containg California 470 forms, campaign checks, and photo copied check from International Paper.
4. DVD of Mayor Mitchell cashing check at market.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: NONE.

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